

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Hajime AGA et al.  
Serial No.: 09/034,336  
Filed: March 4, 1998  
For: REDUCTION INHIBITORY AGENT...

Art Unit: 1631  
Examiner: M. MORAN  
Washington, D.C.  
Atty.'s Docket: AGA=6  
Date: October 31, 2000

THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an [XX] Amendment [ ]  
in the above-identified application.

[ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement  
previously submitted.

[ ] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

[XX] No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)			(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)		Small Entity		Other Than a Small Entity		
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra		Rate	Additional Fee		Rate	Additional Fee	
Total	8	Minus	20	0		x 9	\$		x18	\$	
Indep.	1	Minus	3	0		x40	\$		x80	\$	
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim							135	\$		+270	\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FEE								\$		Total	\$

\* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

\*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

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The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (total or independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col.1 of a prior amendment of the number of claims originally filed.

[XX] Conditional Petition for Extension of Time

If any extension of time for a response is required applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

[ ] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

Small Entity

Response Filed Within

- [ ] First - \$ 55.00
- [ ] Second - \$195.00
- [ ] Third - \$445.00
- [ ] Fourth - \$695.00

Other Than Small Entity

Response Filed Within

- [ ] First - \$ 110.00
- [ ] Second - \$ 390.00
- [ ] Third - \$ 890.00
- [ ] Fourth - \$1390.00

[ ] Less fees (\$ ) already paid for months extension of time on .

[ ] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-4035 in the amount of \$ . A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

[ ] A check in the amount of \$ is attached (check no. ).

[ ] Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, authorizing payment in the amount of \$ is attached.

[XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR Section 1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR Section 1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR Section 1.18.

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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In response to the Office Action of August 1, 2000,  
please enter the following amendment:

In the Claims:

Please rewrite claim 5 in fifth amended form as  
follows:

5. (Fifth Amendment) A method for inhibiting the  
decrease of naturally occurring active-oxygen-eliminating  
activity in a plant when the plant is sliced[,] or disrupted,  
or when an edible part of the plant is disrupted, which  
comprises a step of

incorporating homogeneously, in an aqueous system,  
an inhibitory agent into said plant which is in a juicy form  
[of a sliced, disrupted or extracted plant-edible-part] and  
has an active-oxygen-eliminating activity, said inhibitory  
agent comprising an amount effective of trehalose and pullulan  
for said inhibition.

Please amend claim 28 as follows.